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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (PARA ONE LINE THREE NAME JOHN SULLIVAN VICE WILLIAM SULLIVAN)

E.O. 12065: N/A
TAGS: CASC (SULLIVAN, JOHN J.) ES
SUBJECT: W/W SULLIVAN, JOHN J.

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1. ON AUGUST 24, 1981 A SOURCE WHO WISHES TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS INFORMED US THAT SOMETIME DURING JANUARY OR FEBRUARY HE SAW A DEAD BODY RESEMBLING JOHN SULLIVAN BEING BURIED IN THE COLONIA MONZON, CANTON METALIO, DEPARTMENTO SONSONATE. WHEN QUESTIONED, SOURCE INFORMED US THAT AT THE TIME HE DID NOT KNOW WHO THE INDIVIDUAL WAS, BUT LATER UFTER SEEING THE AD WITH SULLIVAN'S PHOTO, CONNECTED THE PHOTO WITH THE INDIVIDUAL HE SAW BEING BURIED EARLIER.

2. RSO JAMES BLYSTONE AND CONEL GEORGE LANNON WENT TO COLONPE NBNZON AND WITH THE COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE OF THE NATIONAL POLICE LOCATED AND DISINTERRED TWO BADLY DECOMPOSED BODIES DESCRIBED AS BEING FOREIGNERS BY ALFONSO DURAN AND JULIO MENDOZAE WHO BURIED THE TWO BODIES. MESSRS. DURAN AND MENDOZA WERE SHOWN PHOTO OF JOHN SULLIVMFS AND THEY BOTH SAID THE PHOTO RESEMBLED ONE OF THE VICTIMS.

4. ACCORDING TO MESSRS. DURAN AND MENDOZA BOTH BODIES WERE BADLY BEATEN ABOUT THE FACE AND STRANGLED.

5. WE WERE UNABLE TO LOCATE ANY BURIAL RECORDS OF THE VICTIMS. ACCORDING TO DURAN AND MENDOZA, THE BODIES WERE BURIED WHERE FOUND AND THEY DID NOT NOTIFY LOCAL AUTHORITIES AS THE VICTIMS DID NOT HAVE ANY IDENTIFICATION.

6. WE WISH TO STRESS THIS IS NOT A POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION. WE WILL CONSULT WITH SALVADORAN AUTHORITIES TOMORROW TO SEE IF SCIENTIFIC METHODS ARE AVAILABLE HERE TO MAKE A POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION. IN THE INTERIM, THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD REQUEST THE SULLIVAN FAMILY OBTAIN ANY DENTAL RECORDS OR X-RAYS THEY MAY HAVE FOR JOHN SULLIVAN.
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